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PORTUGAL-GENERAL

McFarlane, LL

LISBON, JULY 30, REUTER - THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF PORTUGAL'S NEW GOVERNING TRIUMVIRATE, GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, TODAY SAID THE MILITARY WOULD SOON HAVE TO START EXECUTING "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES."

THE 36-YEAR-OLD HEAD OF THE COPCON INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES SAID ON HIS RETURN FROM A 10-DAY VISIT TO CUBA THAT IT WAS BECOMING IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION HERE BY COMPLETELY PEACEFUL MEANS.

"I DO NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY THREATS BUT THE ARMED FORCES ARE READY TO TAKE UP THE VERY HARD PATH OF REPRESSION WHICH WE HAVE AVOIDED UP UNTIL NOW," HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT.

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THE GENERAL AROUSED CONTROVERSY LAST MAY WHEN HE DECLARED THAT HE REGRETTED THAT ALL COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES HAD NOT BEEN SHOT IN THE LISBON BULLRING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE APRIL, 1974, COUP.

HE WENT ONE STEP FURTHER TODAY AND SAID, "I AM CONVINCED THAT IN A SHORT TERM WE WILL HAVE TO PUT THEM THERE (THE BULLRING). THINGS ARE GOING THAT WAY AND, UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S BECOMING IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION BY COMPLETELY PEACEFUL MEANS."

GENERAL SARAIVA DE CARVALHO BITTERLY CRITICIZED THE SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH, TO JUDGE BY POPULAR VOTE, IS THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST POLITICAL FORCE, AND SAID IT WAS THE GREATEST ENEMY OF THE LEFT IN PORTUGAL.

HE SAID THE SOCIALISTS WERE RALLYING ALL RIGHT-WING AND REACTIONARY FORCES AND THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO ASK SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES TO EXPLAIN SOME RECENT STATEMENTS.

ASKED WHAT HIS ATTITUDE WOULD BE IF THE MILITARY DECIDED TO EXILE DR. SOARES, THE GENERAL SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE THE MATTER A LOT OF THOUGHT.

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GENERAL SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, WHO RETURNED FROM CUBA BY A REGULAR SOVIET AERFLOT FLIGHT SAID WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN PORTUGAL NOW WAS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT HAD HAPPENS IN THAT CARIBBEAN ISLAND, BUT HE DID NOT EXPLAIN HIS STATEMENT.

THE GENERAL, WHO HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH CHFN LEADER FIDEL CASTRO DURING HIS STAY, SAID THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES WERE AT PRESENT "EXTREMELY INCAPABLE" OF ACTING AGAINST REACTIONARY ATTACKS.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS CONVINCED DISORDER AND INDISCIPLINE AMONG THE MILITARY WOULD STOP AS SOON AS THEY HAD BEEN MADE MORE POLITICALLY AWARE AND A NEW SOCIETY HAD COME INTO EXISTENCE.

HE WAS GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY A CROWD OF MILITARY LEADERS, REPORTERS AND ABOUT 200 COMMUNIST SUPPORTERS WAVING RED BANNERS.

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